

Mining News of Southwestern Oregon

PERMANENCY OF MINING

Permanency of mining needs to be stressed by the industry's spokesmen and supporters if the prevailing misconceptions so common among the public are to be dispelled.

The average mine lasts longer than the average mercantile business. According to Shaw's Management Service the new store opened in this country starts with a little more than seven years of life before it, and every class of mercantile business has an average of failures running higher than 50 per cent.

The oldest company or business corporation in the world bears the name of Stora Kopparbergs Bergslags Antiscebholag, and this year it will celebrate its 700th anniversary. For 700 years this company has operated the famous Falun mine in Sweden without any change in ownership. In these 700 years the mine has yielded over a ton of gold, 15 tons of silver and about 500,000 tons of copper. Now it produces 30,000 tons of iron pyrites every year.

The Rio Tinto mine, in Spain, has been productive since the days of the Roman Empire.

Mexico and South America contain a score of mines that have been operated for centuries.

The Homstead mine in South Dakota has paid monthly dividends since 1879, except for brief periods of suspension caused by fire and strikes.

Goldfield, Nevada, is a comparatively new camp; yet the mines there have already existed for more than twice the average life of a mercantile establishment.—Mining Topics.

PERMANENT MINERAL EXHIBIT

One of the most important things that mining men of any district can do is to establish a permanent mining exhibit, where representative specimens of all of the ores in the district may be kept on display, properly labeled, for the inspection of mining engineers, operators, and the public generally.

Such an exhibit not only attracts and holds the attention of mining men, but it also gives

them a fairly accurate preliminary survey of the resources of the district, and permits them to see those minerals in which they are interested with the least possible expenditure of time and money.

An exhibit to be made effective should be made up of character specimens of the various ores, sands, and concentrates, and reliable information as to size of deposit, amount of development work done, name of owners, etc., should be attached to each specimen. Mining engineers and experienced operators are not necessarily interested in jewelry specimens—what they want is large bodies of average ore that will warrant profitable operations over a long period of years.

At the forthcoming meeting of mining men of Curry and Coos counties to be held in Port Orford on December 29, 1926, it is hoped that action looking to the establishment of a permanent mineral exhibit will be taken to be located at some central point in the district on the main line of travel and easily accessible to all. It is hoped, therefore, that mining men who attend will arrange to bring specimens of their ores, and that those who do not attend will send theirs by some one or they may be mailed to the Port Orford News, which paper will see that they are properly arranged and cared for.

It is urgently requested that all mining men make it their business to attend this meeting, and assist in every way in the formation of an organization that will be of material benefit in the upbuilding of the mining industry of the Curry-Coos Empire.

MAKING TESTS AT MARKSBERY PLANT

S. Marksbery is making test runs at his Second street mining plant for the purpose of demonstrating to Roseburg parties that it will successfully save all the values in the black sand and other concentrates of this section. The Roseburg parties are interested in the process used by Mr. Marksbery in view of purchasing the right to use the process in working the concentrates from properties in Canada, which they

own. If the transfer is made it is likely that the local plant will be operated for the reduction of local materials and a similar one will be erected in Canada.

According to the Port Orford News Mr. Marksbery recently put three pounds of concentrates from the Inman mines through his process after all the free gold had been extracted from the concentrates and was successful in recovering a button valued at \$8.20 on a gold basis. About one-fourth of the button is believed to be platinum and therefore much more valuable than gold.

Concentrates from the plant on Johnson creek are also to be put through the Marksbery plant within the next few days and if the returns are as conclusive as those in the case of the Inman concentrates it is said that a long step will have been taken toward the solution of the local black sand mining problem.—Bandon World.

THE LAST LOCATION

Bury me down close to bedrock. Where the gravel is cool and sweet.

With my head to the river's murmur, And the bench-fir at my feet.

Let kings have their gilded shrouding.

My shroud be the forest sod, For the gold in the bench around me.

Has been placed by the hand of God.

I played with His gilded pebbles, But not for the sake of gain; Oh, Lord, if there's gold in your district,

Let me do some prospecting again. —Joseph L. Brogan.

OIL COMPANY TO PROSPECT

Several local citizens have undertaken to promote a plan to prospect the southern end of Coos county for oil. H. S. Hansen of Portland has examined the territory carefully for the past several weeks, and finds many excellent indications of a good oil territory here and he believes that the deposits are large, that the territory is shallow, and that the product will be of a high gravity, paraffin base.

As a result of his investigations a leasing company has been organized including Mr. Hansen, Elbert Dyer, R. E. Sutherland and other Coos county citizens, the company organized being known as the Bandon Oil and

Gas company, and representatives of the company are now in the field taking up leases.

It is understood that outside parties will be engaged by the local company to do the drilling, and it is planned to have actual drilling operations well under way by early spring.

Mr. Sutherland was formerly an Alaska miner. He came here some time ago and bought the former Sweeney addition to Bandon, and is now a permanent resident here. He has found what was believed to be a good coal deposit on his place, but which has now been proven to be a high grade of oil shale.

Mr. Hansen is said to be a geologist of considerable practical experience and one who is acquainted with oil fields and natural conditions surrounding them.

George Darling, representative of the Fairbanks Morse Co., of Portland, who has been at the plant of the Engineering & Metals company near Ophir, Curry county, accompanied by Captain B. F. Groves, who has charge of the dredge of the company, passed through Port Orford en route north Wednesday.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ISSUING REFUNDING BONDS OF PORT ORFORD.

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of January, A. D., 1927, at the polling places hereinafter designated, in the County of Curry and State of Oregon, a special election will be held for the purpose of referring and submitting to the legal voters

of the Port of Port Orford for their approval or disapproval Ordinance No. 6 of the said Port, which said Ordinance provides for the borrowing of money and issuing bonds of the said Port to the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars for the purpose, as to the proceeds of Twenty Thousand Dollars, par value thereof, of refunding outstanding bonds of the said Port in like amount designated as Port of Port Orford Gold Bonds, Series C, and as to the proceeds of Ten Thousand Dollars, par value, of the said bonds proposed to be issued, of funding outstanding warrants of the said Port, the said bonds proposed to be issued to be dated January 1, 1927, to draw interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on January and July the first, to mature and be payable at the rate of ten per cent thereof on the first day of January of each year commencing with the year 1942.

The polling place in the Port Orford Precinct shall be and the said election shall be held in the Woodmen Hall in the town of Port Orford in said precinct and district.

The polling place in the Sixes Precinct shall be and the said election shall be held in the said precinct at the building known

as the Old Spurgeon Building now occupied by Lon Montague, near the Sixes River Bridge in said precinct and district. And whereas there are only two legal voters residing within the boundaries of the District of the Port of Port Orford, and insufficient legal voters to constitute an election board, therefore it is hereby ordered that the polling place for said election for the said Ophir Precinct shall be at the polling place of the adjoining precinct of Port Orford.

Said election will be held at eight o'clock in the forenoon and will continue until eight o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

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(Seal) Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Orford.
C. W. ZUMWALD,
President.

The S. S. Mary E. Moore loaded out a cargo of Port Orford cedar from the municipal docks Wednesday, cleaning up nearly all of the logs on hand.

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